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Remarks

An amendment of claims in an effort to obviate the rejections stated in the Office Action dated March 9, 2005 is enclosed. Attorney for applicant expresses his appreciation for the thoroughness of the March 9 Office Action and apologizes not having made these amendments in the prior response. It is submitted that the amendments place all claims in condition for allowance, and that this amendment should be entered as it will simplify issues for appeal.

Indeed, it is submitted that the amendment, upon entrance, will remove the need for an appeal.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that this application is now ready for allowance. Early notice to that effect is solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (213) 489-3939.

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